

**MINUTES
EAGAR TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
22 W. 2nd St., Eagar, AZ
December 7, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Kim Holaway called the regular council meeting to order and welcomed those present. Mayor Holaway said to let the record show that all council members are present. Mayor Holaway led the Pledge of Allegiance and Gary Finch offered the invocation.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Kim Holaway, Mayor
 James Nelson, Jr., Vice-Mayor
 Byron Smith
 Gary Finch
 Steve Erhart
 Tim Rasmussen
 Debbie Rogers

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Greenwood, Town Manager
 Bruce Ray, Community Development Director
 Eva Wilson, Town Clerk
 Elwin Browning, Public Works Administrator
 Doug Brown, Town Attorney

ITEM #5: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

A. MAYOR

Mayor Kim Holaway reported that the Town of Springerville hosted Santa on December 4th; Mayor Holaway thanked Vice-Mayor James Nelson, Jr. and Councilor Tim Rasmussen for helping with that event. The Eagar Utilities Board met on December 6th; and Mayor Holaway attended the Homeland Security Northern RAC meeting where a \$136,000 was awarded to Apache County Sheriff's Office for narrowband consoles.

B. COUNCIL

Councilor Debbie Rogers announced that the Arizona ATV Outlaw Trail Jamboree has been sanctioned by the Arizona Centennial 2012 Foundation as an Official Centennial Event. The ATV Club will meet with the Apache County Sheriff's Posse to discuss partnering for the 2012 Fourth of July Celebration.

Councilor Tim Rasmussen reported that the Pitch In-Clean Up Committee met this afternoon to discuss plans for next year. Councilor Rasmussen thanked committee members for their participation in decorating the gazebo and Main Street sign for the holidays.

Councilor Rasmussen reported that the Round Valley Senior Center is asking for volunteers to ring bells at Bashas' for donations to benefit seniors.

C. STAFF

Town Manager Bill Greenwood reported that he attended the 40th Anniversary Ceremony at Sunrise on December 4th he has included the details of this event in his report to the Council.

Mr. Greenwood extends his appreciation to the Eagar Fire Department for their participation in the Christmas Light Parade; they make up a large part of the event.

ITEM #6: OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

ITEM #7: PRESENTATIONS

Item #9-A: PRESENTATION TO DECEMBER 2010 “SHINING STARS” COMMUNITY HONOREES

Councilor Debbie Rogers started by saying that not all of the citizens selected for the Shining Star Recognition are active volunteers in the community. There are those special people that make this community a special place because of the caring, giving, and their warm inviting personality that they share with those around them. December’s Shining Star Honoree is a rare example of a person whose loving heart and compassionate nature has afforded her with the knowledge and wisdom of a scholar, Josie Fuentes.

Josie was born on June 1, 1944 in Red Hill, New Mexico and was the oldest daughter of Jose and Jesusita Logan. Very quickly this young girl became a second mother to eight siblings, mostly boys. Being surrounded by so many rambunctious personalities, Josie learned early on the importance of treating children with love and understanding. At first she attended school in Quemado, New Mexico and later her family moved to Springerville where she attended school until she was required to quit school and help care for her family.

In 1963 Josie met and married a young Marine, Eddie Fuentes, she guiltily left her mother to the job of finishing raising the boys and started a family of her own. Six years later the young couple found themselves with four daughters and a happy family life.

As a mom, Josie made the decision to stay home to care for and raise her daughters. Despite only having an eighth grade education, she knew to provide all the essential practices for rearing well-adjusted children. She understood the importance of surrounding her children with books, art supplies, and educational toys.

In 1985 Josie received a job as a bus driver for the Round Valley School District. Soon children throughout the community received the pleasure of being shown the love and kindness that overflows from Josie’s personality. Persons of all ages from kindergarten up to adults tell stories about their friendly, loving, bus driver and excitedly greet her when they see her. Some students even tell stories about being picked up at their bus stop half frozen, on an ice cold, snowy, windy morning, lacking proper winter attire, and being greeted by Josie

after school with glove, hats, and jackets to get them through many more blistery winter mornings at the bus stop.

Josie retired, with honor, from her job as a bus driver in 2005. Today she is a substitute bus driver and drives almost every day. Josie has touched a lot of our town's children over the many years and she continues to be "ambushed" by children rushing to great and hug her everywhere she goes.

A. FEASIBILITY OF A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE SERVING APACHE AND NAVAJO COUNTIES

Mr. Robert Butler presented the Council with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the questions raised and results of a feasibility study that is being undertaken to establish a four-year regional college serving Apache and Navajo Counties, headquartered in the Show Low area.

A College Advisory Board has been formed and consists of 34 community leaders and they have been meeting since April 2010. Discussions have included the need for financing, partners, review of survey data, and results of past efforts to establish a four-year college in the White Mountains. A Board of Regents will be responsible for putting a plan together and are recommending a Two Plus Two approach to higher education with Northland Pioneer College so that credits will fully transfer over.

There is a need for higher education opportunities in the area, and there is community support for higher education expansion. A four-year college in the local area could also provide lower costs for higher education, and could be a potential attractor for other employers.

However, startup costs and effort will be extensive and places pressure on public funds. There are questions on long-term sustained enrollments, absence of a credible education partner, and if the idea will have the necessary political support.

Councilor Gary Finch inquired as to whether there would be local classes in Round Valley as he has concerns of our young adults driving to Show Low for classes with their inexperience in driving skills and hazardous driving conditions.

Mr. Butler stated that many courses could be offered online and they have contacted St. John's College, Grand Canyon College, and Brigham Young University as potential partners because of their experience in satellite programs.

This form of college would have an annual operating budget of approximately \$2.2 million. The Town of Pinetop-Lakeside is the only political subdivision that has approved a Resolution in support of a four-year college.

Citizen and Northland Pioneer College Representative Karalea Cox stated that Northland Pioneer College does not agree with this proposal if it means raising local taxes. She added

that the Northland Pioneer College annual operating budget is normally \$20 million dollars and has been cut to \$18 million dollars this fiscal year.

Councilor Steve Erhart highly recommended that the White Mountain Region College Board meet with the Apache County Higher Education Council with this proposal. Councilor Erhart recommended to the Council that this issue not go any further until the Apache County Higher Education Council has been properly notified and have made their recommendation on this proposal.

Councilor Tim Rasmussen would like more information on the organization proposing the four-year college studies when they return to address the Council.

ITEM #8: CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EAGAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD NOVEMBER 2010

Councilor Gary Finch moved to approve the Consent Agenda of the minutes of November 2010. Councilor Byron Smith seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

ITEM #9: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item #9-A was heard under Item #7

B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF TOWN'S OCTOBER SALES TAX REVENUE REPORT

Mr. Greenwood stated that the trend in sales tax revenue continues to be encouraging with the month of October up significantly compared to September's report – an increase of \$10,000. Some of this may be attributed to the opening of Trailriders Restaurant, fall visitors, and hunters. Year to date sales tax revenues are \$20,000 higher than October 2009. Bashas' has commented that they have seen an increase in their sales as compared to last year.

C. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 2010 COUNCIL/STAFF RETREAT MINUTES AND GOALS

Mayor Kim Holaway presented the minutes of the 2010 Council/Staff Retreat and for the benefit of the audience reported that the Council's four main objectives are:

- Ensure long-term financial security.
- Develop a strong, supportive partnership with local businesses.
- Create attractive and desirable business areas.
- Provide quality recreational facilities and opportunities for all citizens.

The Council and Staff will be working on strategies to meet these objectives throughout the year and into the future.

Councilor Debbie Rogers offered suggestions under *Develop a Strong, Supportive partnership with Local Businesses*. That the Town of Eagar partner with Northland Pioneer College and particularly with the Small Business Center to bring customer service training to town employees and local businesses. Councilor Rogers also stated that business advertising should not be allowed on an electronic sign that the Town may purchase in the future.

Councilman Steve Erhart moved to approve the 2010 Council/Staff Retreat Minutes and Goals with the proposed change to the goal objective of *Develop a Strong, Supportive Partnership with Local Businesses* as it relates to “highlighting” Eagar businesses on an electronic sign as suggested by Councilor Debbie Rogers. Councilor Tim Rasmussen seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

ITEM #10: NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT VICKI ANDERSON AND DOYLE HALE TO THE EAGAR MUNICIPAL PROPERTY CORPORATION FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM

Town Clerk Eva Wilson reported that three-year seats currently held on the Eagar Municipal Property Corporation (MPC) for Vicki Anderson and Doyle Hale are up. Both of these citizens are willing to continue to serve on the MPC for an additional three years.

Councilor Steve Erhart moved to appoint Vicki Anderson and Doyle Hale to the Eagar Municipal Property Corporation for a three-year term. Vice-Mayor James Nelson, Jr. seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT COUNCILOR DEBBIE ROGERS TO REPRESENT THE TOWN OF EAGAR ON THE NORTHERN ARIZONA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL BOARD

Town Manager Bill Greenwood stated that Councilor Gary Finch has been serving on the Northern Arizona Council of Governments Regional Board (NACOG) since his appointment and subsequent election on the Council. As these meetings require travel to Flagstaff on a monthly basis, it would be proper to rotate this task to another council member. Councilor Debbie Rogers is interested in taking up the position on the NACOG Regional Board representing Eagar.

Vice-Mayor James Nelson, Jr. moved to appoint Councilor Debbie Rogers to represent the Town of Eagar on NACOG Regional Board. Councilor Byron Smith seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

C. DISCUSSION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2010-08 ADDING TITLE 8.60 TO THE EAGAR TOWN CODE - FIREWORKS

Community Development Director Bruce Ray stated that there is a need to add fireworks to the Town Code as fireworks, (of specific classes), are now legal to sell and purchase in

Arizona. The proposed Ordinance 2010-08 has been drafted after The League of Arizona Cities and Towns model. The limited use of consumer fireworks should be allowed on the Fourth of July and New Years Eve. Police Chief Mike Hogan and Fire Chief Howard Carlson have also reviewed the ordinance and their input is included in this ordinance, i.e. Fire Chief may prohibit the use of fireworks during hazardous fire conditions.

D. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO AWARD THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID FOR WATERLINE SUPPLIES FOR THE SPANISH TRAIL PROJECT

Public Works Administrator Elwin Browning reported that his department received three bids for waterline material for the Spanish Trail Water Improvement Project. He added that the Town does regular business with all three bidders. Mr. Browning recommends accepting the bid of the lowest bidder, HD Supply in the amount of \$77,828.20.

Councilor Steve Erhart moved to award the lowest responsible bid for waterline supplies for the Spanish Trail Project to HD Supply. Councilor Gary Finch seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

E. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2010-31 REQUESTING THE APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FOREST MAINTAIN THE EXISTING MANAGEMENT PRACTICE, AND THE ACCESSIBILITY OF ALL EXISTING ROADWAYS AND TRAILS AS THEY CURRENTLY ARE WITHIN THE APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FOREST

Councilor Steve Erhart stated that this resolution is similar to the resolution passed by the Council in March 2010 when the Town of Eagar requested to be coordinating and cooperating partners on the Travel Management Rule (TMR) and Forest Plan Revision (FPR) processes with the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest (ASNF). As none of the TMR options presented to the public for comments was advantages to the citizens of the Town of Eagar, the resolution instead lists the reasons why the ASNF should continue to maintain their existing management practice of the forest.

Councilor Erhart recommended adding two more “Whereas” paragraphs to the resolution stating that in March 2010 the Eagar Town Council attempted to participate with the “id team” of the ASNF as it pertains to the TMR and FPR and that the Town of Eagar had been denied that request.

Vice-Mayor James Nelson, Jr. moved to approve Resolution 2010-31 requesting the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest maintain the existing management practice, and the accessibility of all existing roadways and trails as they currently are within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest with the noted addendum adding two “Whereas” paragraphs stating that the Town of Eagar had passed Resolution 2010-12 in March 2010; and had consequently been denied cooperating and cooperating agency status, and that the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest has not kept the Town of Eagar updated regarding the Travel Management Plan and Forest Plan Revision Process since April 2010. Councilor Debbie Rogers seconded.

Discussion: Councilor Gary Finch stated that he would like to also amend the resolution in adding the word “irreparable” as in, ...” *where such activity does not cause irreparable resource damage*”...

Vice-Mayor James Nelson, Jr. moved to add “irreparable” between the words “cause” and “resource” on Resolution 2010-31. Councilor Debbie Rogers seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

All Council members were in favor of the first motion with the proposed amendments; motion carried unanimously. 7-0

F. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT A COUNCIL MEMBER TO REPRESENT EAGAR AT FUTURE MEETINGS WITH THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE AS IT RELATES TO THE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT RULE AND FOREST PLAN REVISION

Town Manger Bill Greenwood stated since the ASNF had denied a Town of Eagar seat on the TMR and FPR “id team” the former appointment of such a member was in limbo. Therefore, there is a need to appoint a representative from the Town of Eagar to attend future meetings with the ASNF as it relates to TMR and FPR.

Vice-Mayor James Nelson, Jr. moved to appoint Councilor Steve Erhart to represent Eagar at future meetings with the United States Forest Service as it relates to the Travel Management Rule and Forest Plan Revision Process. Councilor Gary Finch seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 7-0

G. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION WHETHER NOT TO OR TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING IN THE ROUND VALLEY ROUND UP EVENT

Mayor Holaway asked if the Council is still willing to participate in the Round Valley Round Up Event. It was the consensus of the Council that they are still interested in participating in this event with the Town of Springerville.

Chamber Director Becki Christensen gave a final accounting report from the last Round Valley Round Up Event. She reported that after two years of holding the event and paying all expenses there is \$1,303 in the event account.

Councilor Erhart suggested that the fishing derby be replaced by another activity as fishing regulations at Becker Lake have changed.

Councilor Erhart added that it was never the intention of the Council to make money on the event, but to help bring in tourism dollars for local businesses.

Mayor Holaway will meet with Mayor Baca to schedule a joint council meeting with Springerville to discuss their intentions as well.

ITEM #11: SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

Mayor and Council signed the Minutes of November 2010. Resolutions 2010-31 will be signed upon adding motioned addendums.

ITEM #12: ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Gary Finch moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Councilor Steve Erhart seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. 7-0

Attest: _____

Mayor: _____

Vice-Mayor: _____

Council: _____

CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular session of the Town of Eagar, Arizona held on December 7, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Eva M. Wilson, Town Clerk